

Pet waste disposal plan for 24432 Ridge Rd, Damascus, MD 20872

We have 3 plans for responsible pet waste disposal:

OPTION 1) Flushing into our septic system, which will be emptied once yearly.

-We have talked to Fogle's Septic Service, who inspected the septic system personally and deemed it in great condition. They prescribed pumping it once every 2 years for a family of 4, or once a year if we include the extra waste from a dog care business. If we continue with this option, they would splice a dog waste tube with a screw-able cover such as the commercially available "Doggie Doo Drain". The waste would be emptied into the drain tube and flushed down with water immediately.

-USDA supports the use of septic tanks to digest dog waste into harmless ground absorbed liquids.

<https://www.usda.gov/media/blog/2011/03/08/pet-waste-disposal-systems-help-protect-water-quality>

-EPA encourages dog owners to flush dog waste down the toilet.

<https://cfpub.epa.gov/npstbx/files/NHDES%20Pet%20Waste%20Campaign2.pdf>

-MDE also encourages dog owners to flush the waste down the toilet. The waste is pumped out of the septic and treated at a wastewater treatment plant as per the recommendation of MDE.

<https://mde.maryland.gov/programs/marylander/outreach/pages/scoop%20the%20poop.aspx>

OPTION 2) Bagging into biodegradable bags and using a locally available trash disposal service.

-MDE recommends bagging dog waste in biodegradable bags for normal trash disposal.

<https://mde.maryland.gov/programs/marylander/outreach/pages/scoop%20the%20poop.aspx>

-EPA suggests that "responsible pet owners should throw pet waste in the trash or flush it down the toilet"

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Option 3) Bagging into biodegradable bags and scheduling pickup on a weekly basis through a professional pet waste management company, such as "Doody Calls" or "Pet Butler".

www.doodycalls.com

<https://www.petbutler.com/locations/montgomery-county-area-pooper-scooper/silver-spring-md/>